

REMARKS

Claims 1-3 and 5-15 are pending. By this Amendment, Claim 1 is amended to incorporate subject matter of Claim 4, Claim 4 is cancelled, and replacement sheets for Figures 5-6 are provided.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the indication in the Office Action that Claim 4 contains allowable subject matter.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejects Claims 1-3 and 6-15 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) over U.S. Patent No. 6,434,545 to MacLeod, *et al.* (MacLeod). The Examiner also rejects Claim 5 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over MacLeod in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,493,699 to Colby, *et al.* (Colby). Applicant respectfully submits that the amendment of independent Claim 1 to recite subject matter from allowable Claim 4 obviates these objections. Withdrawal of the rejection of Claims 1-3 and 6-15 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) over MacLeod and of the rejection of Claim 5 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over MacLeod in view of Colby is respectfully requested.

Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance. In the event any questions arise regarding this communication or the application in general, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

Replacement sheets for Figures 5-6 are filed herewith. Figure 5 is amended in Table 17 by replacement of "<ALLA" with "<ALL>". Figure 6 is amended in Table 29 by replacement of each occurrence of "<ALLA>" with "<ALL>".